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Dear Beekeeper:

Each year, all beekeepers in the County are required by state law to register their colonies with the County Agricultural Commissioner. Attached you will find an apiary registration form for 2012. Please complete the form and return it to our office. If you have ten or more hives please enclose a \$10.00 registration fee.

Registration is designed to be beneficial to your apiaries as well as people who live and work near your apiaries. Registration is even more important since Africanized Honey Bees are established in San Diego County. There are several advantages to registration:

- Your registration makes you part of our honeybee information network. We can send you the latest information on eradication programs, zoning and abatement changes, bee pests and diseases, research and any regulatory efforts that arise because of these problems.
- We can inform you of educational opportunities in your field, since our office and the Cooperative Extension will be offering periodic training on how to continue AHB-free beekeeping.
- Registration will expedite your notification of pending pesticide applications in the vicinity of your hives.
- In addition, when we receive complaints about registered beekeepers we make every effort to resolve them without fines or regulatory action.

In addition, we would like to request your help regarding potentially unregistered or abandoned hives. Please contact us at the number below to report the location, number of boxes and any other pertinent information regarding such hives. You may report these in writing to the above address or if you have any other questions on apiary registration you may direct them to County Entomologists Dr. David Kellum or Dr. Tracy Ellis at (858) 614-7738.

Thank you in advance for submitting your apiary registration form for 2012 with a \$10.00 registration fee if required. We are appreciative of your cooperation and participation in this important program.

Sincerely,

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